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The charge

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and its timing is probably intended to influence attitudes on the eve of the world Communist conference. conference is scheduled to convene on 5 June, and the final preparatory meeting began yesterday.

The Soviets allege that the incident was precipitated by events on 2 May. Moscow is now asking advice of fraternal parties on how to proceed. parties -- most notably the Italians -- criticized both sides over the Ussuri clashes in March, and Moscow is apparently trying to gain maximum backing against the Chinese by proclaiming a policy of restraint.

the Sinkiang-Kazakhstan border was the scene of some sort of incident in early May; the Soviets leaked this version to Western newsmen in Moscow at that time. How closely the present Soviet version accords with the facts of the situation cannot be determined

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